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- Authorities arrested a woman in Hartford March 19 after she escaped from prison and allegedly robbed 5 banks in Connecticut during a 2-week period in February. – *WVIT 30 New Britain* (See item [5](#))
- U.S. Highway 26 in Clackamas County, Oregon, was closed for about 15 hours March 19 while authorities investigated an explosion near a car parked along the highway that killed 1 person. – *KATU 2 Portland* (See item [8](#))
- At least 12 Indianapolis businesses remained without power March 20 after a series of underground explosions March 19 knocked out service and prompted the evacuation of residents from the Senate Manor apartment complex. – *WISH 8 Indianapolis* (See item [23](#))
- A suspect was arrested after a 4-hour search for allegedly killing 1 individual and wounding 5 others in a March 18 shooting rampage that started at the Tri City Inn motel in Mesa, Arizona, and spread to a nearby restaurant and 2 apartment complexes. – *Reuters* (See item [24](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 18, Associated Press; Washington Times* – (North Dakota) **Nearly 12K gallons of saltwater spill in northern ND.** The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division reported March 18 that 11,970 gallons of saltwater spilled near the Petro Harvester Operating Company, LLC-owned Peterson 2 disposal well in Bottineau County due to a piping connection leak. The water was contained to the site and recovered.
Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/mar/18/nearly-12k-gallons-of-saltwater-spill-in-northern-/>

2. *March 18, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Oregon oil train terminal pays reduced fine for ‘serious violation’.** Massachusetts-based Global Partners will pay \$102,292 as part of a settlement reached March 18 with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for moving nearly 300 million gallons of crude oil through its oil train terminal near Clatskanie in 2013, exceeding the 50 million gallon annual limit. The company did not admit any wrongdoing as part of the settlement.
Source:
http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/03/oregon_oil_train_terminal_pays.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *March 20, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Fire extinguisher plant becomes scene of extra-alarm blaze.** An industrial complex housing several businesses including a fire extinguisher plant in the Archer Heights neighborhood of Chicago suffered extensive damage in a March 19 fire that caused the roof to collapse and prompted a HAZMAT response due to chemicals stored inside the plant. Authorities determined that the chemicals posed no risk and the cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2015/03/19/extra-alarm-fire-at-southwest-side-warehouse/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. ***March 19, USA Today*** – (National) **BNY Mellon to pay \$714M to settle currency suits.** The Bank of New York Mellon (BNY) agreed March 19 to a \$714 million settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice, the State of New York, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Department of Labor, and private investors to resolve allegations that the bank had misrepresented pricing to its clients in foreign exchange markets for years by claiming to provide them with the best rates while giving them the worst margin prices instead. The bank's own rates became more favorable and profitable from the difference between the higher rates assigned to customers and their own foreign exchange trade rates.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2015/03/19/bny-mellon-foreign-exchange-settlement/25034111/>
5. ***March 19, WVIT 30 New Britain*** – (Connecticut) **Woman charged in string of bank robberies.** Authorities arrested a woman in Hartford March 19 after she escaped from prison and allegedly robbed 5 banks in Wallingford, East Hartford, Wethersfield, Vernon, and Cromwell during a 2-week period in February. Authorities were able to link her to the crimes after she left behind a pair of gloves and a bag of stolen cash.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Suspected-Female-Serial-Bank-Robber-in-Custody-Sources-296849551.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. ***March 20, Boston Globe*** – (Massachusetts) **Four injured, two critically, in fiery Somerville car crash.** One lane of McGrath Highway at Highland Avenue in Somerville, Massachusetts, reopened after about 2 hours March 20 following a fiery 5-vehicle crash that injured 4 individuals, including 1 pedestrian. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/03/20/fiery-multi-car-crash-closes-mcgrath-highway-somerville/7nNIAINcKupOPqQWO6eJIL/story.html>
7. ***March 20, Washington Post*** – (Maryland) **Second motorist fled scene of fatal crash on Baltimore-Washington Parkway, police say.** All northbound lanes of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near U.S. 50 in Prince George's County, Maryland, were closed for nearly 8 hours March 20 following a 2-vehicle accident that left 1 person dead. Authorities continue to investigate the incident and are searching for the driver of a vehicle who fled the scene.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/wp/2015/03/20/part-of->

[baltimore-washington-parkway-closed-friday-morning/](#)

8. *March 20, KATU 2 Portland* – (Oregon) **One dead, explosion on Highway 26 near Welches.** U.S. Highway 26 in the Rhododendron area of Clackamas County, Oregon, was closed for about 15 hours March 19 while authorities investigated an explosion near a car parked along the highway that killed 1 person. The area was rendered clear after a bomb squad found no further threats or explosives at the scene, and residue from the blast was sent to a lab to determine if it is explosive material or from an improvised explosive device.
Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/Highway-26-closed-for-report-of-explosion-296906581.html>
9. *March 19, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **19 airport employees ID'd as victims of possible credit card breach at LAX terminal.** Los Angeles International Airport officials announced an investigation March 19 into a possible payment card breach that has affected at least 19 airport employees who made purchases at restaurants and a retail store at the Tom Bradley International Terminal over the past several weeks.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/03/19/19-airport-employees-idd-as-victims-of-possible-credit-card-breach-at-lax-terminal/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *March 20, WBGZ 1570 AM Alton; Alton Daily News* – (Illinois) **Three people sickened by odor.** Three workers from the Menasha Packaging warehouse in Edwardsville were transported to area hospitals March 19 after they were sickened by a chemical odor inside a trailer that was being partially unloaded at the facility. The warehouse was evacuated and ventilated as a precaution, and employees were cleared to reenter the building after about 2 hours.
Source: <http://www.altondailynews.com/news/details.cfm?clientid=17&id=167997>
11. *March 19, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Nearly 170,000 pounds of beef recalled in Cook County.** The Illinois Department of Agriculture reported that Chicago-based El Cubano Wholesale Meats issued a recall for 169,620 pounds of beef cheek meat products due to possible E. coli contamination. The recalled products were distributed to stores and restaurants in Chicago.
Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Nearly-170000-Pounds-of-Beef-Recalled-in-Cook-County-296906481.html>
12. *March 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Giant Eagle voluntary recall of bakery seasonal cut-out shapes cookies due to undeclared milk allergen.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported March 18 that Giant Eagle voluntarily recalled all lots of its seasonal cut-out shapes cookies that were baked and sold inside Giant Eagle and Market District supermarkets across 4 States due to

undeclared milk. The recall was initiated after inspectors found that milk was omitted from the product label during an investigation that was launched when consumers reported falling ill after eating the cookies.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm438984.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *March 18, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **Saginaw to help Genesee County test new water treatment process.** A Genesee County Water Plant official reported March 18 that testing will be done at a 180-million gallon reservoir in Saginaw County's Kochville Township to determine the feasibility of a water treatment process as part of a pipeline project to bring water from Lake Huron to a new water treatment plant. A “pilot plant” will be delivered to Saginaw’s reservoir site in April and will treat up to 80,000 gallons of water per day during a test phase which is expected to last about 3 months.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2015/03/genesee_county_water_treatment.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *March 19, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Ex-Sacred Heart Hospital executives convicted in kickback scheme.** The owner, former chief operating officer, and former chief financial officer of the closed Sacred Heart Hospital in Chicago were all convicted March 19 for their roles in a Medicare fraud scheme that operated over 10 years and involved paying kickbacks to physicians to refer patients to receive care, including elderly patients who were transported to the emergency room which was understaffed and under-resourced.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-sacred-heart-hospital-verdict-met-20150319-story.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

15. *March 19, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Chapman University back to normal after suspicious package.** A bomb squad detonated a suspicious package found outside Moulton Hall at Chapman University in Orange County March 19 prompting the building's closure for 3 hours while officials investigated. Authorities determined the package did not contain a bomb.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Chapman-University-Hall-Evacuated-Possible-Pipe-Bomb-Squad-Sheriff-296903631.html>

16. *March 19, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Buckeye Lake dam danger prompts preschool to close.** LEADS Buckeye Lake Head Start preschool in Ohio announced its indefinite closure beginning March 20 due to the potential risk of the Buckeye Lake dam bursting and flooding the area. Officials plan to reopen the center once the dam is deemed safe and does not pose any risk of breaching, and offered students home visits and one class day per week at nearby center in Newark.
Source:
http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/03/18/Buckeye_Lake_preschool_closing.html
17. *March 19, LancasterOnline* – (Pennsylvania) **Motorist cited after crash involving school bus sent 15 students, 2 drivers to hospital.** A driver, 15 Pequea Valley students, and a school bus driver were transported to an area hospital after a pickup truck struck a school bus in Salisbury Township March 19.
Source: http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/motorist-cited-after-crash-involving-school-bus-sent-students-drivers/article_316733f6-ce29-11e4-b3db-a35a7ffa39bc.html
18. *March 19, WITN 7 Washington* – (North Carolina) **Six students transported to hospital, bus driver charged and suspended.** Six White Oak High School students were transported to an area hospital after an Onslow County School bus flipped onto its side on White Oak River Road off Highway 17 March 19.
Source: <http://www.witn.com/home/headlines/Troopers-respond-to-Onslow-County-school-bus-crash-296851671.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *March 19, River City News* – (Kentucky; Ohio) **Man cited for impersonating officer in Covington pulled same stunt in Oldham Co. & was ordered away from Cincinnati mayor.** Covington Police and the Kenton County Sheriff's Office arrested a man March 19 for impersonating a police officer on several occasions, utilizing blue and red lights, a fake U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency badge, and several guns, among other methods. He was ordered to stay away from the Cincinnati mayor after claiming to be an employee of the Cincinnati Police Department during a February 15 incident.
Source: <http://rcnky.com/articles/2015/03/19/man-cited-impersonating-officer-covington-pulled-same-stunt-oldham-co-was>

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Information Technology Sector

20. *March 19, Softpedia* – (International) **Zero-days for Firefox, IE 11, Adobe's Flash and Reader exploited at Pwn2Own 2015.** Security researchers leveraged multiple zero-day vulnerabilities to exploit 13 undisclosed bugs in Adobe's Flash and Reader, Mozilla's Firefox, and Microsoft's Internet Explorer 11 to take control of compromised systems through various methods which included, heap overflow

remote code execution, a cross-origin vulnerability, and a use-after-free (UAF) remote code execution, among others at Hewlett Packard and Google Project Zero's Pwn2Own hacking competition.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Zero-Days-for-Firefox-IE-11-Adobe-s-Flash-and-Reader-Exploited-at-Pwn2Own-2015-476239.shtml>

21. *March 19, Softpedia* – (International) **OpenSSL's undisclosed high-severity issue is far from FREAK, POODLE, or Heartbleed.** OpenSSL released an update for its cryptographic library addressing one high severity denial-of-service (DoS) vulnerability affecting version 1.0.2 that could allow a NULL pointer dereference to occur. The update also addressed a number of other moderate vulnerabilities affecting several OpenSSL versions including segmentation faults and an issue with processing Base64 encoded data.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/OpenSSL-s-Undisclosed-High-Severity-Issue-Is-Far-from-FREAK-POODLE-or-Heartbleed-476254.shtml>

22. *March 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **At least 700,000 routers given to customers by ISPs are vulnerable to hacking.** A security researcher discovered that over 700,000 ADSL routers, mostly running firmware from the China-based Shenzhen Gongjin Electronics, doing business as T&W trademark, and distributed to customers from internet service providers (ISPs) worldwide, contain directory transversal flaws in their firmware that could allow attackers to extract sensitive data and change router configuration settings. The researcher notified the firmware developer, affected device vendors, and the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT).

Source: http://www.networkworld.com/article/2899733/security/at-least-700000-routers-given-to-customers-by-isps-are-vulnerable-to-hacking.html#tk.rss_all

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *March 20, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Downtown explosions cause businesses to close, apartments to evacuate.** At least 12 downtown Indianapolis businesses remained without power March 20 after a series of underground utility explosions

March 19 knocked out service in the area. The explosions also prompted the evacuation of dozens of residents from the Senate Manor apartment complex for several hours when the building lost power and suffered a carbon monoxide leak due to the blasts' impact.

Source: <http://wishtv.com/2015/03/19/downtown-blast-forces-businesses-to-close-and-apartments-to-evacuate/>

24. ***March 19, Reuters* – (Arizona) Suspect in fatal Arizona shooting rampage appears in court.** Authorities arrested and charged a suspect that is accused of killing 1 individual and wounding 5 others in a March 18 shooting rampage that started at the Tri City Inn motel in Mesa, Arizona, and spread to a nearby restaurant and 2 apartment complexes in the area. The suspect was captured inside a vacant condominium following a 4-hour search by police.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/19/us-usa-arizona-shooting-idUSKBN0MF2BE20150319>

25. ***March 19, Associated Press; WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) 3 restaurants damaged, 1 firefighter injured in 2-alarm Silver Spring fire.** A 2-alarm fire March 19 caused an estimated \$750,000 in damage to 3 downtown Silver Spring restaurants and displaced about 12 residents. One firefighter suffered minor injuries from the fire that remains under investigation and is believed to be electrical in nature.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2015/03/3-restaurants-damaged-1-firefighter-injured-in-2-alarm-silver-spring-fire-112440.html>

26. ***March 19, KYTV 3 Springfield* – (Missouri) Fire forces evacuation of Yakov Smirnoff Theater in Branson.** Dozens of guests were evacuated during a March 19 performance at the Yakov Smirnoff Theater in Branson, Missouri, after heater in a storage room was inadvertently turned on setting fire to unused seats. Authorities were scheduled to meet March 20 to determine when the theater would be cleared to reopen.
Source: http://www.ky3.com/news/local/fire-forces-evacuation-of-yakov-smirnoff-theater-in-branson/21048998_31905842

27. ***March 18, MLive.com* – (Michigan) Walmart to reopen after fire officials find no cause of popping sound, coughing.** A Walmart store in Grand Blanc Township, Michigan, was evacuated and closed March 18 while authorities investigated unidentified popping sounds and tested air quality after patrons started coughing due to an unidentified reason. The store was cleared to reopen about 4 hours after officials ventilated the building, inspected its air-handling systems and heating and cooling units, and tested air and food quality.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/03/walmart_remains_closed_even_af.html

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